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In response to your review of FY'84 projects, and possible variances between SRI performance and contractual requirements, I have looked over the final reports with regard to contract requirements, and I am satisfied that all requirements have been satisfactorily met and fulfilled. The following point-by-point summary should provide clarification of the elements in question.

ESU 83-134, reference the possibility that Phases I and II were only partially accomplished and Phase III not conducted: In Phase I, personality testing was applied to proven RV personnel in SRI and client programs as required, the SRI (and other) viewers listed in Table 1, p. 14, the client viewers in Table 4, p. 21. Discussion as to profiles to identify personnel for RV aptitudes are provided in Section V, pp. 13-25. Thus, the requirements for Phase I were met in full. In fact, following the close of the effort, profiling of an additional ex-client RVer was arranged, and this data will also be provided in an addendum to provide the client with as complete a data base as possible.

In Phase II, SRI was to compare self-report testing against the identified PAS profiles to determine the accuarcy of such "self-report" pre-screening materials. The MBTI (self-report) test results listed in Tables 3 and 4, and the accompanying discussion, satisfy this requirement. The study concluded that this most promising self-report test (MBTI) was inadequate to the task. As to the second part of the Phase II requirement (to apply identified profiles against a general test population to segregate talented from untalented RVers), and the Phase III requirement to then test these against actual RV targets, this activity was carried out with a group labeled SRI RV trainees (Table 3, p. 20); the predicted best-profile RV trainee (#807) yielded the best test results, with lesser results provided by individuals with profiles associated with nonpredicted RV performance. Thus, the Phase II and III requirements were also met.

ESU 83-145, reference that the final report did not include separate enclosures for each trainee with requested information: I have examined the S.O.W. in detail a number of times and have failed to find any statement concerning separate enclosures. If the intent of the reference to such is that the track records of individual trainees be differentiated one from another, this is provided to the degree it can be in Tables 2-4, which indicate the levels of individual-trainee efforts to achieve mastery of each of the Stages, I-III. Beyond level-of-effort required, no further differentiation can be made, in that all trainees achieved the skill plateaus expected with little difference in reliability/accuracy.

ESU 83-147, reference that the final report did not contain a summary of literature search, nor data on the lack of investigation of weather and lunar cycles: It is the case that no separate summary of the literature search was provided; rather, references to and discussion of relevant findings were simply noted where appropriate in the text and an extensive (125-item) bibliography provided for further detailed reading.

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With regard to the list of items suggested for investigation in the S.O.W. (which included weather and lunar cycles), it was assumed that the named items were representative but not exclusive of areas of investigation to be pursued. Once the research was underway, it was SRI's considered scientific judgment that detailed investigation of solar flare activity (not included in the original list) was more likely to provide data of note (as it did) than could be obtained from an analysis of weather and lunar cycles. Therefore, given the fixed-level-of-effort nature of the contract, this substitution was made, and, given the results, it appears to have been a most profitable choice given the overall goal of the task.

ESU 83-144, reference no specific recommendations or proposal for a training program: The results of the investigation showed that although search strategies of several types yielded significant positive results, it would be premature to lock on to a specific training technique to the exclusion of others at this point, as several of the contenders showed remarkable potential. Since they are so different, one from another (computer "mouse" dowsing, spatial/temporal computer search, map dowsing with physiological-sensation-in-fingers approach, one-shot versus statistical averaging approaches, etc.), there is no clear-cut way to integrate them into an amalgamated training regimen; hence, the recommendation for further investigation of the alternative techniques before recommendations as to a specific training program.

Reference the requirement to provide a list of equipment purchased in support of the contract: Attached is a printout of purchases on the contract, which total \$62,647.30. In addition, a number of purchases were made by SRI (but not charged to contract) in order to pursue contract activities at the SRI/NY office. These items are as follows:

- 5 Gray chairs cube-shaped
- 1 Edison fan
- 8 Chairs, cane webbed
- 1 Panasonic portable cassette tape recorder, Model RQ-2103
- 1 Pollenex Pure Air "99"
- 4 Light tracks
- 15 Light heads for track lighting
- 1 Sofa, off-white
- 1 Loveseat, off-white
- 2 Secretarial chairs, dark gray
- 2 2-drawer file cabinets
- 1 Podium, gray
- 1 Table, gray
- 1 Table, natural wood

I trust this provides the clarification sought with regard to possible variances between S.O.W.s and the final reports. If further details are required, please let me know.

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